

## Campus Briefs

▼ **TURKEY DAY**— Thanksgiving Break begins Wednesday at 1:35 p.m. and ends the following Monday at 7:45 a.m. Wednesday class periods one through six will run for 50 minutes with 10-minute breaks between each class. There will be no chapel.

The class schedule is as follows:

Period 1—7:45 to 8:35  
Period 2—8:45 to 9:35  
Period 3—9:45 to 10:35  
Period 4—10:45 to 11:35  
Period 5—11:45 to 12:35  
Period 6—12:45 to 1:35  
Have a happy and safe Thanksgiving break and enjoy lots of turkey.

▼ **PREMED STUDENTS**— All students interested in pre-medicine should attend the meeting tonight at 7 in Voecks Auditorium.

▼ **LIBRARY FORUM**— Jill Gremmels and student panel members will speak about the new addition to Engelbrecht Library on Tuesday at 11:30 a.m. Grant Price will host the forum which will be broadcast live on Wartburg's Channel 13. The forum will be rebroadcast for students who are not able to watch it live.

▼ **FUTURE DECISIONS**— Dr. Barbara Taylor will be on campus conducting an Open Forum on Tuesday from 3 to 3:50 p.m. in Buckmaster Room. Students will be able to give their views on what they want to see done on the campus in the future. Students will also be able to tell what kind of qualities they want in a new president.

▼ **PSYCHOLOGY**— The Psychology Club will be meeting today at 9 p.m. in the East Room.

## Torgerson to move on

Wartburg will soon be saying good-bye not only to its president but also to Vice President for Development Dr. Rick Torgerson.

by Kris Voyna  
Staff Writer

After six years as Wartburg's vice president of development, Dr. Rick Torgerson decided it was time to go somewhere else.

Submitting his resignation last week, Torgerson has accepted the position of vice president for development at Gustavus Adolphus College in Saint Peter, Minn.

He is planning to leave Wartburg in February.

The Wartburg community will see not one but two Torgersons leaving the college.

Torgerson's wife, Judy, is also currently employed at Wartburg as office manager of cultural immersions.

"While our decision has been difficult, we both believe the decision is right for us at this time. We have many fond memories," said Torgerson.

Though Torgerson has only been in the development office for six years, he is not a stranger to Wartburg.

From 1969-72, Torgerson had a different job at Wartburg. His work was not based in an office but in a classroom.

Torgerson was a professor of biology for three years before leaving.

After being away from Wartburg for almost 20 years, he came back to serve in the staff position as vice president of development.



Photo by Heather Simpson

**WORKIN' FOR A LIVIN'**—Dr. Rick Torgerson, vice president for development, has some hard work ahead of him before leaving Wartburg in February. Torgerson turned in his resignation last week. He will be going to Gustavus Adolphus in Saint Peter, Minn. as its vice president for development. Torgerson's last project before he leaves is to finish the library project.

opment, working closely with the president of the college.

President Robert Vogel described Torgerson's resignation as "both a personal and professional" loss.

Vogel got to know Torgerson very well during the last five years while the two worked together.

Torgerson "has been a counselor, a friend and an encourager to the staff," according to Vogel.

He also said Torgerson "assembled a very strong development team" and has been invaluable on many academic fundraising events.

One such event was the fundraising for

the Wartburg Chapel, which was completed in 1994.

Currently, he is helping with the library addition and renovation project that is scheduled to begin in the near future.

"The library can do for the academic program what the Chapel has done for campus ministry," said Torgerson.

He said it is "going to be a superb addition to the campus."

At the present time, the college is looking for a temporary vice president of development.

The permanent vice president position will not be filled until the new president is available for selection, according to Vogel.

## Sexual orientation protection questioned

by Tabi Schueler  
Staff Writer

A request to expand Wartburg College's nondiscrimination policy to include "sexual orientation" was the topic of discussion at a forum in Buhr Lounge Tuesday.

Shannon Lau, coordinator of Students for Peace and Justice, read the letter that SPJ and GABLES and Friends plan to submit to the President's Council requesting "sexual orientation" be added to the college's policy.

The letter reads as follows:

"The current nondiscrimination policy states: 'Wartburg College does not discriminate on the basis of race, age, sex, color, national origin, or handicap in admission, employment, programs, or activities.'

"We believe that this policy is inadequate, as it does not include sexual orientation. If the aforementioned categories are to be listed, we believe sexual orientation should be listed as well."

"As students of Wartburg College, we support measures to promote the existence of an 'hospitable, diverse, and tolerant community' on this campus."

"We believe that discrimination based on sexual orientation undermines efforts of the college to establish such a community. Such discrimination is prominent on this campus and needs to be addressed."

"No matter what one's personal beliefs may be regarding an individual's sexual orientation, we believe every student as well as all faculty and staff members should be protected from discrimination of this kind."

"In order to ensure this protection, we ask that Wartburg College's nondiscrimination policy expand to include sexual

orientation. Not doing so reserves the right to discriminate, which is unjust."

"Furthermore, we believe that sexual orientation is an integral part of diversity. Officially expanding Wartburg College's perception of diversity would foster hospitality and tolerance in the college community."

"Students for Peace and Justice and GABLES and Friends ask that the President's Council consider this proposal. If you have any questions regarding this proposal, we would be happy to meet with the committee."

This is not the first time students on campus have tried to implement "sexual orientation" into the policy. This issue first surfaced in 1993 when GABLES and Friends requested the addition of "sexual orientation" to Wartburg's policy.

Then Dean of Faculty James Pence stated that expansion of the nondiscrimination policy to include "sexual orientation" was not appropriate at that time for the following reasons:

- The charters of private colleges do not require protection of constitutional rights of individuals, so nondiscrimination statements are based on applicable federal laws.
- Policies and procedures dealing with sex discrimination and sexual harassment provide adequate protection for men and women.
- The ELCA position on sexual orientation is evolving. As a college of the ELCA, Wartburg affirms the privileged positions and pledges to work cooperatively with the church to develop positions on important social issues. "Sexual orientation" does not qualify for protected class status in the positions of the ELCA.

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## Unknown facts

The *Trumpet* has not gathered much more information about the incident that took place at Joe's Knight Hawk last Saturday night.

According to Joe's owner Joe Breitbach, the Wartburg security guard was never there.

Breitbach also said he does not know where the guard got his information. He went on to say he would not even call what happened a fight and maybe not even an altercation.

The *Trumpet* will not be running any more stories about this incident due to the fact nobody will talk about what took place that night. Also, the real story has not come out due to conflicting reports about how many students were involved.

The paper apologizes for the problems the news brief in the Nov. 17 issue caused.

The staff realizes it should have gathered more information before proceeding with the brief it ran. The *Trumpet* felt it was publishing the facts that had been given to it by a reliable source.

There was no intention on the part of the staff to cause any racial comments or issues to be brought up by this brief.

Once again, the *Trumpet* apologizes to the African-American community and the campus as a whole.

See the letters to the editor and the editorial on pages 4 and 5.



**GIVING TO A GOOD CAUSE**—Dr. Ann Henninger, professor of biology, along with students received a check from the American Cancer Society to aid her in her volunteer work. Henninger received an award from the society for her work in Bremer County where she has set up a support group as a volunteer.  
Photo by Nathan Friesen

## Henninger gives time

by Ellie Miller  
Staff Writer

The American Cancer Society recently recognized Dr. Ann Henninger, professor of biology, as Volunteer of the Year for Breast Cancer Detection in Bremer County.

Henninger earned the award as a two-year leader in breast cancer education and patient and survivor support.

"You don't do what you do to get an award," said Henninger, echoing words of her co-facilitator, Marian Hille. "You do it because you see a need."

And that's just why she got involved.

After her own mastectomy in 1995, Henninger said she realized there was a community need for breast cancer education and support.

She teamed with Hille, a local nurse, to become a "breast cancer detection core team leader" in Bremer County.

When Henninger and Hille recognized the lack of group support for patients, they spearheaded their own.

Together, they work to support patients and survivors of breast cancer and educate the county on early detection.

The two helped revitalize the Reach to Recovery program in the county, pairing breast cancer survivors with patients to provide additional support to those battling the disease.

They have also helped other county units get started in the program.

"If you know better what you're facing and can talk to someone who's walked in your shoes, it's not so scary," said Henninger, who visited a number of breast cancer patients voluntarily within a year of her own surgery.

She went on with Hille to form a group formally named the Bremer County Breast Cancer Education and Support Group, the 27-member group calls itself "Bosom Buddies" and meets once a month.

"We get together and laugh just to have a good time," said Henninger.

Henninger has shared her experience, spoken to her Wartburg biology classes and other community groups and taught breast self-examinations to high school and college women.

She also promotes the second and third steps in early detection: clinical exams and mammograms.

Although Henninger said she is proud to receive an individual award for her work, she said "it's a recognition of how far Bremer County has come in education, support and detection in the last few years."

Henninger said there are 20 breast cancer cases diagnosed each year in Bremer County.

It is the No. 1 type of cancer in women.

While most people think of breast cancer occurring in women, men also are susceptible to this form of cancer.

Every year there are nationally about 500 cases of breast cancer found in men.



**LEARNING TO SHARE**—Junior Julie Brown and senior Nathan Phipps share a plate of food because they did not have enough money to buy more food as part of the Hunger Meal in the Chapel Commons Friday night. The meal was just one of the many events taking place during Hunger and Homelessness Week. Students were able to gain knowledge and help raise money for the hungry and homeless. Highlights of the week included the Great American Sleepout and The Coffeehouse (see page six).

Photo by Heather Simpson

## Myer moves in, Potter steps out

*New security chief John Myer hopes to make the security program stronger and gain student trust on campus.*

by Brent Holten  
Staff Writer

With the retirement of Security Chief Bud Potter, a new force will be taking over Wartburg's campus.

John Myer will take over as Wartburg security chief Tuesday.

Over the years Myer has had extensive training dealing with security and police matters.

Myer had a 20-year career with the U.S. Army as a military police officer.

During his career, he served as director of the military police at two different military bases.

As director, he implemented many crime prevention, traffic and other security-related programs.

"He is very familiar with leadership in the security field," said Potter.

He has been the director of mall security and operations at College Square Mall in Cedar Falls since retiring from the Army in 1994.

He also helps with overall operations of the mall, which

### FORUM

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"The federal government does not require sexual orientation for nondiscrimination (policies)," said current Dean of Faculty Mary Margaret Smith.

"Most of the employers who now have adopted nondiscrimination statements to include sexual orientation have pretty much done so on a voluntary basis," she said.

Three ELCA colleges and organizations, Luther, St. Olaf and Luther Volunteer Corps, currently include "sexual orientation" in their nondiscrimination policies.

Rickey Hall, director of diversity programs, discussed diversity and the situation on campus.

"We are all diverse because we are all different in some way," Hall said. "And sexual orientation is a part of diversity."

"Diversity embraces a perspective that recognizes, understands, respects, appreciates, and celebrates human differences," he said. "My main concern is that this is a place conducive to learning to all students."

"I don't know why the Students for Peace and Justice have taken up this issue of sexual orientation not being on the nondiscrimination policy, but I think it is a legitimate issue that should be discussed," Hall said.

Pastor Larry Trachte also attended and said that all Christians ought to be unanimous, "decrying any kind of violence or discrimination against people for any reason. I think this is the number one starting point."

"The way we live says what kind of community we are," Smith said.

To have "sexual orientation" added to Wartburg's nondiscrimination policy, it would need to be proposed by the Student Senate and approved by the President's Council, the Board of Regents, and faculty committees.

Jeremy Brummond, student body president, said the Senate will vote on whether or not it should be added to the proposal.

He said students can voice their opinions by speaking to their senators.

It is not known when this proposal may be presented to the president's council.

# Living and working together

by Julie Kreutner and  
Laura Medberry  
Staff Writers

In some cases, taking two cars to work every day would be ridiculous, especially when you and your spouse both work on the same campus.

It's a situation four married couples have as they prepare to leave their homes to drive to work at Wartburg College.

There are approximately 18 married couples that work on the Wartburg campus. Many of those couples said that working on the same campus creates both advantages and disadvantages.

Newlyweds Dr. Dan Black, assistant professor of physical sciences, and Dr. Karen Black, assistant professor of music and college organist, see only high points in working at the same place. The couple, who have been married for three months, said they like being able to eat lunch together and having holiday breaks at the same time. Having similar daily schedules allows them to commute to work together.

Drs. Paul and Suzanne Torkelson, associate professors of music, said other advantages of having their spouse work on the same campus.

Suzanne said one advantage is that they are able to share the same vacation time and she is able to talk to her husband during the day if she needs to.

The couple met when Suzanne was a freshman and Paul was a sophomore while attending Wartburg. He asked her to be his accompanist while he sang. They've been together ever since.

The Torkelsons were married for eight years before they began teaching at Wartburg.

The couple said that working together has allowed them to travel abroad as a family to Europe and Australia with the Wartburg music groups because their kids get to go along.

However, Paul said these were not vacations for them. There's a lot of work involved, although they usually spent the evenings together.

Paul said that holding hands with Suzanne in the back of one of Pastor Larry Trachte's classes was a memorable moment during their college years together at Wartburg. To this day, Trachte still teases them about that, the couple said.

The couple lists many other advantages of working at the same college and in the same department.

According to Paul, when a couple shares the work place, there is a "better understanding of the bad days and good days ... more empathetic to work related issues," he said.

As a result of both being Wartburg graduates, "We've seen the music department grow almost two to three times the size," said Suzanne.

Because their offices are diagonal to each other, you might think the couple would see each other often during the day. This is not the case, however. The Torkelsons have different schedules and said they see each other for a total of about 10 minutes a day.

Communication is also very important,



Photos by Heather Simpson and Nate Stoltzman  
**COUPLES ON CAMPUS**—Drs. Dan and Karen Black (left) and Drs. Fred and Edie Waldstein (below) are just two of the approximately 18 married couples on the Wartburg campus. The couples said there are several advantages of having a spouse on campus, such as riding together to work, eating lunch together and sharing the same vacation times.



said Paul, so they know who's taking care of the kids and when.

According to Paul, many may find this a difficult lifestyle to lead, but he said he thinks otherwise.

"Ultimately it makes a closer relationship," he said.

The Torkelsons have been married for 21 years.

Drs. Fred and Edie Waldstein are another couple who work together at their alma mater.

**"We make a clear effort to distinguish the difference [between work and home life.]"**

—Dr. Fred Waldstein  
Professor of Political Science

Fred is the Irving R. Burling Chair in Leadership and professor of political science. Edie is the associate dean for academic affairs and registrar, and associate pro-

fessor of humanities.

The Waldsteins have been married 23 years and have worked at Wartburg for the past nine years.

Instead of meeting on campus, the couple met while studying abroad. Edie was in Vienna, Austria with another student and Fred was "just passing through" during May Term studies.

The Waldsteins agreed there are advantages to having a spouse on campus. "It is easier to coordinate things in private life if you work at the same place," Edie said.

The Waldsteins said if there are any family related problems, it is easy to contact each other.

"The advantages far outweigh the disadvantages," Edie said.

Some of the disadvantages the couple said of working at the same college include people assuming they are both informed on all the work information.

"We try to talk as little as possible about each others' professions," Edie said. "We hold to strict standards what we can or will talk about."

Fred said he also agrees.

"We make a clear effort to distinguish the difference (between work and home life)," he said.

Although they both work on campus Fred says they very rarely see each other while at work.

The couple said it is a lot easier to dis-

tinguish work and home now than what it once was. Before teaching at Wartburg, Fred taught at Bentley and Edie taught at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). While working at MIT, the couple and their children actually lived on campus in an apartment in a residence hall.

"I find it rewarding to be back at my alma-mater ... to serve an institution that has treated us so well."

Dr. Walter (Chip) and the Rev. Ramona Bouzard have been working at Wartburg the past four years.

The couple met at a Lutheran church camp in Texas and have been married for 23 years.

Sharing lunch together and having a common work place are the advantages of working at the same place.

The disadvantages include "a lot of child care costs if there is official stuff we both have to attend," Ramona said.

The couple said that working at the same place doesn't give them a wide perspective of the community in Waverly. It takes more effort to meet new people outside of Wartburg.

Although they have the same last name, the couple says that it doesn't cause a lot of confusion. "Only for those who deliver campus mail," Chip said.

The Bouzards' said that even working on campus, they still can go weeks without seeing each other at work.

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## Editorial

## Learning from mistakes

Mistakes. We all make them in one form or another. We made one in the last issue of the *Trumpet*. And it wasn't a little one either; in fact it was a rather large one.

We are referring to the news brief about the incident at Joe's Knight Hawk.

When we heard about the incident, we had no student names or other information to go on, so we contacted campus security. We were given some information and we attributed it to the security guard.

When we printed the terms "African-American" and "white" we did not print them with any racist comments or racial issues in mind. We were just printing a news brief. We never asked for the race of the students involved. It was given to us voluntarily.

If we would have been told three white males had jumped an African-American male we would have printed that, too. If we had just been told there were four males involved we would not have even considered asking for race.

We also do not know the real story due to the conflicting reports we have received on the incident and we will probably never know what happened (see page one).

We apologize for the animosity the brief has created. We wish the incident had never happened.

We apologize to the African-American community on this campus and to the campus as a whole for the friction and negativity the brief caused.

We made a mistake and we are sorry. We have learned to be more careful about checking facts and sources and will do our best to ensure this never happens again.

By dwelling on the problem we are just causing more hostility to grow on this campus between a community of people.

We believe that we need to move on and get past this. We know it will not be easy. The trust in each other and this paper is weak right now, but we hope with time that trust can be built back up.

We strongly believe the best policy now is to forgive one another and to love one another as we would love ourselves. This is in the best interest of the entire Wartburg community.

Once again we apologize to the African-American community, the campus as a whole and the subscribers for the problems this news has caused.

## LETTER POLICY

Letters to the editor are subject to editing without changing the meaning of the letter, and authors will not be notified of changes prior to publishing. Letters must be signed, under 250 words, submitted in final form by Friday at 3 p.m. and related to current issues involving the Wartburg community. Letters may be e-mailed to: *Trumpet*.

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## True meaning of Thanksgiving

Will

Smith

Guest Columnist

craft seemed to right itself and instead of sputtering and crackling sounds, the engines again hummed as if nothing had ever happened.

"Never mind, God," my friend quipped. "We don't need your help now. We're doing just fine."

It was at the Thanksgiving dinner, while we were all seated around the huge table with our heads bowed that my dear friend uttered these words as part of his heartfelt prayer. "Lord, I can't speak for everyone but I am a fool. I seem to call upon you only when I am in trouble and then dismiss you when I think everything is ok. Why can't we understand that to call on you when we're not in trouble is true Thanksgiving? Help us to understand that the true art of thanks giving is thanks living, it is gratitude in action. Thank you, Lord. Amen."

My friend then raised his head, eyes full of tears and smiled at me.

I am beginning to understand.

there is a malfunction in one of our engines, but there is no need to be alarmed. As a precautionary measure, however, stay in your seats, buckle your seat belts, and please cooperate with the flight attendant who will give you further instructions. We are seven minutes away from O'Hare field, so we shouldn't have any problems reaching our destination."

Judging from my friend's face I could tell there was more to the story than he was telling.

"Just then, the plane shook violently and dropped sharply. The plane was going to crash, I knew it and so did everyone on board."

"Dear God, I said aloud, please help us ... there is so much to live for." My friend was close to tears as he retold his harrowing ordeal.

"But in only a moment, the air-

## Letter

## Horton apologizes for comment

I am writing this letter to apologize for the racist comment I made to the African-American students on the Wartburg soccer team on Nov. 1, 1997, at the Conference soccer tournament.

I have since apologized to these students both by letter and in person.

I have no excuses or reasons for what I did. However, I do regret that I ever made this comment. This apology is to the stu-

dent body, faculty, staff, family, friends, alumni, anyone associated with Wartburg College, and again to the soccer team. I worry that this incident may have offended and hurt other people unintentionally and may have even reflected on Wartburg College as a whole. If this be the case or not, I apologize for any harm or disrespect it may have caused anyone.

This incident went against

everything that I know and believe to be right and true. It hurts me to know that I could ever harm and disrespect another person or people so inhumanely. For this, I again give my deepest apology for hurting or offending anyone, and I do whole-heartedly regret that this tragic event ever occurred.

Thomas B. Horton  
senior

## Alum: KWAR prank nothing new

This letter was sent to KWAR Station Manager Jay Boeding. It is reprinted with the permission of Waldorf College President William Hamm.

I read with great interest Dan Wardell's column in the most recent issue of the *Trumpet* in which he describes a recent escapade at Luther College. It brought back some fond memories.

Around 25 to 30 years ago, while I was an admission officer at Wartburg, two Luther students pulled off a scam similar to the one you recently perpetrated at Luther. I received a phone call one Thursday afternoon inquiring about the possibility of our hosting two students from the Twin Cities who wanted to visit the next afternoon and would stay overnight. They also inquired if there was anything going on Friday evening. I responded that we were hosting arch-rival Luther College in a very important basketball game. The students arrived late Friday afternoon and Larry England, a student from New York, gave them a tour and hosted them for dinner. They attended the game and spent the night in Clinton Hall. We had agreed they would come over to meet me in the Admission Office on Saturday

morning. When they did not appear, I went to Clinton Hall and found they had slept in the beds but were nowhere to be found. I assumed they did not like something about the campus and decided to leave early.

On Monday morning, Dr. James Fritschel, then director of the Wartburg Choir, came into my office for a visit. He mentioned that he had enjoyed dinner in the cafeteria Friday evening with a faculty member from Luther College who inquired why Larry England was hosting two students from Luther for dinner in our cafeteria. That was an "A-Ha" experience!

We'd been had, but if the Luther faculty member had not recognized the students, we would never have known it. I thought it a great gag—and a very clever way to get tickets for the big game (which, by the way, Wartburg won). Larry England was not so happy, however, and he resolved to gain revenge. About a month later, he published a Luther College "underground newspaper" for Luther students and staff. It was designed to appear as if written by Luther students. But, it included a few choice but subtle plugs for Wartburg as a more desirable example. He distributed it cam-

pus wide at Luther early one morning. When I made casual inquiry with friends at Luther, they were very puzzled about this new publication. They'd been had by Larry England, and they didn't know it!

Larry England savored his spoof even though no one apparently knew what he'd done. It causes me to wonder if the victims of such a plot need to know they've been had in order for the perpetrators to fully savor the experience. I wonder if the Luther students who took advantage of my tenacity as an admission officer ever found out they had been discovered. In any case, to this day they no doubt savor their adventure, and probably do not realize their adventure continues to be remembered by at least one of those who enjoyed it from the receiver's end.

I suggest you make a detailed record of your adventure, complete with the names of the tour guide and admission representative. Thirty years from now, when you want to recount the experience, you'll have a record of the details.

Needless to say, I get some delight in recounting my story, and I trust you will be talking about yours for many decades to come.

## Letters

## Trumpet wording questions sensitivity

The recent article, under News Briefs, was very upsetting to me. The college, including students, faculty and staff, is working to become a more diverse place, welcoming and valuing students from all races, nationalities, sexual orientations, etc. An article such as this one, which unfairly and painfully feeds into racial stereotypes, does much to undermine all of our efforts.

I think that the staff should have asked themselves the following questions before they printed the article: 1) Would we print such an article if the words, "white" were substituted for "African-American"? 2) Have we printed similar articles when situations arose in the past regarding other races? 3) Is the vocabulary we are using (in this case, the word "jumped") unfairly stigmatizing a group of people or feeding into already existing stereotypes? 4) Do we have the facts? 5) Should we use the word "alleged" until something is proven to be factual?

Words are powerful things. We can not trivialize the effect they have on people. Let's stop and put ourselves in other's shoes before we act. And let's all do our part to try to make sure that everyone feels valued and welcome as a part of our community.

Janet Alexander  
director of international programs

There are too many stereotypes of the majority and minority people. Stereotypes and false assumptions can cause a burst of hatred between the two groups of people. The fight at the bar is a prime example of blowing things out of proportion from the media and false information from security.

The truth is that it was a one-on-one fight as told from white and black spectators who were present at the bar. Also, the fight should not be viewed as black vs. white by the media but as two two human beings in an altercation. In addition, fighting does not solve the problem it adds more problems to your life.

Derick Frizell  
sophomore

I am writing this letter in response to the first bit of "news" in the News Briefs section of the November 17, 1997, issue of the *Trumpet*. I am referring to the brief which reported "three African-American males jumped a white male on the dance floor and began to beat him up." This bit of news concerns and upsets me and quite a few students, faculty and staff.

First, I find it problematic that a campus security officer would release information so quickly regarding an off-campus incident of which he had no first-hand knowledge. If he used the language as reported in the paper that raises other concerns, but those will be addressed with the appropriate people.

My second concern is the way in which the *Trumpet* reported the incident. The word "alleged" is no where in the brief. It is as if what was written is the "Gospel Truth." In the brief it says, "He (security officer) said no names could be released due to the on-going investigation." If you have no names, how can you be sure who was involved in the incident?

Third, the words used, especially the word "jumped," feed into stereotypes about African-Americans.

My fourth concern, and what upsets me the most, is the use of racial descriptions in the brief when it had no relevance. I know the paper will indicate the incident was reported as it was told to them. Actually, you are doing what your brothers and sisters in the media do all the time. That doesn't make it right. If you specify race or ethnic origin, be certain it is relevant. It rarely is.

The last concern I want to mention in this letter is that

"perceived" negative aspects of diversity are regularly published in the paper, while positive aspects of diversity are often ignored. There are many programs and initiatives going on to enhance diversity at Wartburg. The college has come a long way in the last few years, and yet your News Brief is proof that we still have a long way to go.

I hope that the *Trumpet* staff doesn't think that I am, in any way, advocating for any type of censorship of trying to impede free speech. What I am advocating for is journalistic integrity and racial sensitivity.

Rickey Hall  
director of student diversity programs and services

This is in response to the news brief in last week's *Trumpet* about a fight at Joe's involving three African-American males and a white male. It is very apparent that you have upset many African-Americans on campus by choosing to run the story in the manner that you did.

The story was not reported correctly, meaning three black males did NOT jump one white male that night. Although this is only a college newspaper, I do believe that you as an editor and your writers owe it to the campus and its surrounding community to obtain and report the information correctly. I know that you think you may have consulted a credible source by speaking with a security officer, but that is not always the case. Bob Blockhaus, himself, was not there when the fight broke out and may have just been reporting what he was told.

It angers me that whenever there are "African-Americans" involved in an incident at Wartburg, especially dealing with the ever popular Joe's Knight Hawk, the situation is blown completely out of proportion and the story is told incorrectly. In this case the number of African-Americans involved multiplied.

It is apparent that what became more important than the story itself was the so-called "news value." You know, let's put in a news brief since we don't have time actually get the whole story. I believe that the *Trumpet* owes the entire African-American community here an apology as well as a follow-up story that tells the truth about the situation. Many African-Americans will stand behind me on this.

Arika Jackson  
senior

Another special note: If this letter is not addressed by printing it and writing a follow-up story, the Director of Student Diversity Programs and Services and several African-American students will pursue further action with administration. We will not be ignored concerning this matter.

This letter is in response to last week's news brief in the *Trumpet* concerning the fight at Joe's. I found the article disturbing for a number of reasons. First of all, the article stated that "three African American males jumped a white male." This quote came from a Wartburg security guard who, to my knowledge, was not at the bar that evening. The article did not say "allegedly;" it states is as though this were a proven fact.

It also, obviously, mentions the race of the people involved. In the context of this brief, that was totally unnecessary and in my opinion downright wrong.

Lastly, I'd like to point out that the information was not even correct. The problem at Joe's took place between two males. One of these males happened to be white, the other black. While other people did become involved at that time, it was to break up the fight, not to join it.

of slow motion made the play seem like a movie and said that it had no place on stage. The script explicitly states "all action immediately takes on the water's perspective and shifts to extreme or film-like slow motion." The director and actors were following stage directions in the script. Many students felt that the climax was the best part of the show.

We would like to thank Dr. T.J. Walsh for directing the show and all the actors and crew who put in hours of their free time to produce a high-quality production.

I'm concerned that, because of the statement made by the security guard, and the *Trumpet*'s choice to print such an ignorant article, racial tensions will be on a rise on this campus. We can only hope that these tensions will lead to an environment that fosters communication and further understanding, rather than the anger and violence that might be expected.

Renee Pohlman  
senior

I am writing this letter concerning the last issue of the *Trumpet* containing the news brief about the incident that happened last week concerning the "three African-American students jumping a white male."

After reading the brief, I was greatly distraught because I feel the brief was poorly written and also biased. First of all, the brief was written as if there was a thorough investigation conducted about the incident. However, this was not the case because it was noted in paper that a full investigation had not been conducted at the time. Therefore, it would have been more appropriate to include the word "alleged" in the article considering the fact that the person writing the brief did not have sufficient information.

In addition, I found the article appalling because I do not truly believe that including the race of the "alleged" students involved was relevant to the incident. Besides, if a thorough investigation had not been conducted at the time, how can the person responsible for writing this brief be sure that race even played a factor in the incident?

Overall, I am greatly disappointed in the incompetency of the paper has shown. I hope that in the future the *Trumpet* is more reflective of the positive aspects of diversity on campus instead of focusing on negative aspects that "allegedly" involve African-American students.

Takeisha Robertson  
junior

I am writing in response to the News Briefs which appeared in the Nov. 17th issue of the *Trumpet*. One of the briefs referred to an incident at Joe's Knight Hawk and included a statement attributed to one of the security officers. Personally, I don't believe that the racial description attributed to the alleged participants in the reported fight has any direct bearing on the incident or on whether a small incident at an off-campus location is newsworthy. The officer also reported information that he had learned only second- or third-hand. I have addressed my concerns about what was reported and how it was reported directly to the officer involved.

I want to share my concern with the *Trumpet* staff and your readership. This news brief interjected race where I don't believe race was a relevant factor. In reporting this incident I believe that the writer should have asked him or herself whether interjecting race in this description was relevant and necessary. I think not. Interjecting race in the article was harmful to others and has the potential to arouse anger and resentment. It also reinforces stereotypes and contributes to campus racism.

I am hopeful that the conversations that Dr. Blake and Dr. Moore initiated with faculty, staff and students will strengthen our resolve to address campus racism and campus climate issues in ways that are productive and help build community.

As the person responsible for the overall supervision of the campus security department, I apologize that a description of an incident was cast inappropriately and unfairly in a context in which race was made the primary issue and message.

Alexander F. Smith  
dean of students

## Students disagree with Diviners review

As Wartburg students, we feel that it is our responsibility to give another perspective regarding the recent review of "The Diviners," Wartburg's fall play.

We understand that the reviewer is entitled to his opinion, but we feel that it did not represent the feelings of the majority of those who attended the performances. This production was a great success for the theatre department and we feel that it wasn't given the praise that it rightfully deserved. The amount of time put in by the cast and crew was greatly overlooked and we feel that the comments of the reviewer regarding that actors were unprofessional and in poor taste.

It was apparent that the reviewer did not

have a clear understanding of what was being portrayed on stage. He suggested that the actors were making mistakes when he had no previous knowledge of how the play was directed.

We also would like to point out that the review contained inaccuracies such as the description of "Goldie Short." The review described the character of Goldie as "an elderly woman who puts fear of God in anyone caught drinking, dancing or swearing." The only correct attribute was the one concerning swearing. The others were describing the character of Norma Henshaw. No character in the play was portrayed as "elderly."

We feel the closing remarks of the review were completely out of line. He said that the use

of slow motion made the play seem like a movie and said that it had no place on stage. The script explicitly states "all action immediately takes on the water's perspective and shifts to extreme or film-like slow motion." The director and actors were following stage directions in the script. Many students felt that the climax was the best part of the show.

We would like to thank Dr. T.J. Walsh for directing the show and all the actors and crew who put in hours of their free time to produce a high-quality production.

Kate Sundquist  
sophomore  
Nate Stoltman  
freshman

Not all letters to the editor were printed because of space constraints. If you feel your views were not represented in the printed letters, please resubmit your letter for the next issue.

## Hebron Ground throws toga party

by Nate Stoltman  
Staff Writer

"Et tu Brute?"

Friends, Romans and countrymen alike were enjoying the festivities Friday night at Hebron Ground's toga party.

Party highlights included drinking sparkling grape juice and dancing in the lounge with music provided by sophomore Kevin Smith.

"It is a chance to show the campus that you can have a rockin' time without alcohol, and that freshmen can be fun," said resident assistant Kevin Hart.

Though the signs, or "proclamations," went up only three days before the party, there was a large crowd.

"There were at least 50 people dancing at one time,"

Hart said. "I grossly underestimated the turnout."

Togas were not required, but they were highly recommended.

"I was really surprised at the amount of people who showed up in togas," freshman Cheryl Jansen said.

The party was open to the entire campus, but most of the attendees were residents of Centennial Complex.

"It gave us a chance to dress up and do something different," freshman Keith Buhr said.

The event was organized by residents of Hebron Ground and was funded by Wartburg's First Year Experience program.

This was the second party Hebron Ground has hosted. The first, a root beer "kegger," was held in the hallway of Hebron Ground.



**TOGA TANGO—**  
Sophomores Kevin Hart and Janette Keith prove it takes two to toga at Friday night's party in Hebron Ground Lounge. The toga party was sponsored by the First Year Experience program and organized by residents of Hebron Ground.

Photo by Nate Stoltman

## Students entertain, inform at Coffeehouse



**JAVA JIVE**—Juniors Peter Faux, Eric Sorbo and Mike Nehre performed "I Wish We'd All been Ready" by D.C.Talk, "Lost the Plot" by Newsboys and "My Own Prison" by Creed at Saturday night's Coffeehouse held in Legends. Habitat for Humanity and Campus Activities Board Cultural Education sponsored the event for Hunger and Homelessness Week. Donations of food and money were collected at the door.

Photo by Nathan Friesen



**JAVA JEOPARDY**—With junior Lisa Smith (not pictured) taking the place of Alex Trebek, junior Hallie Johnson, senior Julie Brown, junior Jamie Spratt and junior Jess Ankney answered mock Jeopardy questions in categories such as "Faculty," "Luther," "Potpourri," and finally "Hunger and Homelessness" at Saturday night's Coffeehouse.

These suitemates, tried to demonstrate how people avoid the issues of hunger and homelessness.

Photo by Nathan Friesen

## KWAR gives away hundreds of prizes during marathon

by Marty Barclay  
Staff Writer

After 89.1 hours of continual air time beginning Wednesday at midnight, the KWAR marathon ended at 5:06 p.m. Sunday.

The KWAR staff gave away more than 500 prizes gathered from local businesses. After listening to the top 89 countdown

all weekend, senior Jodi Stahl won 20 free CDs for correctly guessing the number one song, "Beautiful Disaster" by 311.

Sophomore Sarah Freed won the number one housing pick for next year's school year.

Senior Amy Biggs won a free night's stay at the Amerihost Inn.

Freshman Aaron Collmann won a mini escape weekend from the Red Fox Inn.

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## Eisenach's Bachchoir to perform at Wartburg

Press Release  
Courtesy of College Relations

The Bachchoir of Eisenach, Germany, will perform J.S. Bach's "Christmas Oratorio" Wednesday, Dec. 3, at 7 p.m. in the Wartburg Chapel. The concert is free and open to the public.

The appearance in Waverly is part of the Bachchoir's first U.S. tour, which includes performances in Minneapolis and the surrounding area. Choir members will stay with community members during a four-day visit to Waverly, Eisenach's Sister City.

Ekkehard Knechtel, Bachchoir director, has visited Waverly and Wartburg on previous occasions as part of Sister City exchanges. Eisenach is the home of the Wartburg Castle, namesake of the college.

The Bachchoir was founded in 1925 to perform the great compositions of Bach in St. George Church in Eisenach, where the composer was baptized. Joined by choir members from other parts of Germany, the Bachchoir presents four to five cantata services at St. George's each year.

In the years before 1961, the Bachchoir performed throughout Germany and Switzerland. Such trips became impossible after the building of the Berlin Wall, but since the 1990 German reunification, the choir has resumed travel.

The group often performs in the university town of Marburg, most recently presenting Bach's "St. Matthew Passion" there last spring.

A children's choir, the Currende, is part of the Bachchoir and will join the adults for the Waverly performance. Martin Luther sang with this choir when he was a schoolboy in Eisenach.

A total of 91 German visitors are expected in Waverly, including the 50 adults and 20 children who will perform in the choir concert.

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# Harriers back from Boston

by Erin Ries  
Staff Writer

The dynamic duo is back.

T.J. Craig and Ryan Harms have returned from Boston where they ran in the National Cross Country meet.

Although they did not earn All-American status, while they were there, they both agree that they "had a great time and earned a lot of experience," said Craig.

In less than perfect conditions, Craig completed the extremely muddy course in 26 minutes and 24 seconds to earn him 52nd.

Harms crossed the finish line in 26:50 for 94th.

Coach Steve Johnson said the two started back in the pack and then contin-

ued to move up in the crowd throughout the race.

He said that although the conditions were terrible, the guys ran solid races. Craig was able to move up 10-15 places and ended up only about 15 seconds from being an All-American.

"They learned a lot, had a great time and this is a great way to end the season," said Johnson. "They would have liked to do better and become All-Americans, but since this is the first time there it was really tough."

Craig echoed Johnson's feelings "I am not completely satisfied with how I did. Eight out of the top 35 finishers are individuals that both Harms and I have beaten at least once throughout the season."

He said that a lot of the people from the Central region were All-Americans.

"There were people there that I beat at Regionals that beat me at Nationals," said Craig. "That's the way it's supposed to be. If everything happened the way they were supposed to there would be no reason for Nationals."

"I had a good season and learned a lot," said Craig. "It was fun to experience and be there with Ryan and Coach. Everyone should be able to get the opportunity to do so."

Although Harms said he is disappointed about his race, he had a lot of fun and found out that he's not a fan of mud running.

"I'm not a mudder," said Craig.

"I didn't have a great race," said Harms. "It was just a good experience and a good opportunity to see what it takes and what I'm going to have to do to get better."

Harms, Craig and Johnson attended an athletes banquet Friday.

The trio also did some sight-seeing while in Boston, checking out Paul Revere's home, and an open-air market.

Both men say they plan to continue to work hard in the off-season, much the same as they did last summer.

They said that this is just fuel for the fire and plan to work hard to get back next year.

Harms and Craig are both juniors.

## Trey's and J's

Brian  
Van De Berg



The time for the winter sports season is finally here.

Now don't get me wrong. The fall sports season was incredible, and if you ask me, I have a new respect for the Wartburg Football team.

But now the winter sports season brings us basketball, and if you don't know what my column means, Trey's and J's are both shots taken in a basketball game.

I had the opportunity to take in a basketball game Friday night and really I think this season could hold some great possibilities.

Although the Knights lost their opening game, the team has some players who are new to the Knights uniform, including head coach Dick Peth.

The starting five held a host of new players. The only returner to these five is Rich Kloster.

Andy Klemensrud was showing some promising play in the first half of the game until he was taken out with a concussion that he suffered battling under the hoop.

And who says basketball is a non-contact sport?

Ryan Schultz and David Nielsen showed some great play in the Friday game. At least I can say that they are consistent in their play.

However, I was most impressed with two electrical players from the Wartburg basketball team.

B.J. Supple and Patrick Morrison are probably the most fun players to watch on the floor.

Both show outstanding athletic ability and are all over the floor all the time.

Supple played some valuable time last year and that's starting to show this year.

There were times last year where Supple showed times of being out of control, but look out; experience has given Supple much more control this year and I look for him to play some key roles in Wartburg wins.

Morrison is a newcomer to the team, playing only four days after he hung up his football pads.

All I have to say about Morrison is he is going to be dangerous, althetic as anyone else on the floor, with the will to win.

Also getting some of their first playing time were the big men, Dan Bock and Mark Van Gorkom.

Don't get me wrong here. I don't mean to take any glory away from the stars of the team.

One of those being Kloster. But really do I even have to mention him?

Kloster has got the toughest job on the team. He's the leader, the money man. If Kloster has a good year, the Wartburg basketball team will have a good year.

This also depends on how much pressure the team can take off him.

When it all comes down to it, I see a strong exciting team with a great leader.

I look for this team to be a surprise in the Iowa Conference this year.

Josh Dodd places third overall

## Knights wrestle in Omaha Open

by Derek Miller  
Sports Editor

The Wartburg wrestlers competed in the biggest one day wrestling tournament in the nation this weekend as they traveled to Omaha, Neb., to wrestle in the Omaha Open.

The tournament had teams from Division I and II as well as some of the top teams from Division III. Wartburg wrestlers mainly competed against Division II teams in the 12 mat tournament.

Junior Josh Dodd wrestled his way to a third place finish overall in the open division.

"Dodd's weight class was stacked.

There were All-Americans from Division I, II and NAIA," said head coach Jim Miller.

"There were a lot of matches that we lost that we should have won," said senior Mike Rupe.

"We need to get tougher mentally. I am going to work them hard this week. We are going to take them past the point of pain," said Miller.

In the 20 and under division, the Knights had many wrestlers place in the top five.

Sophomores Carson Andorf, Matt Buskohl and Casey Doyle placed 2nd, 4th and 3rd respectively.

"I thought that I wrestled well; it was a tough tournament, but there is

still a lot of room for improvement," said sophomore Casey Doyle.

Ben Jobgen and Mike Alesch did not wrestle this weekend due to injury. Jobgen is out with an elbow injury and Alesch with a shoulder injury.

Coach Miller said the Knights are not even close to where they need to be if they want to continue their reign over IIAC competition.

"Our guys need to step it up. Our only goal right now is to stay on top of the Iowa Conference," said Miller.

"Overall I am not happy," said Jim Miller. "We are not very good right now."

The Knights will wrestle next in Dubuque at the Loras Dual meet.

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# SPORTS

## Peth wins first game as a Knight

*Knights go 1-1 in the first annual Buzz Levick Tip-Off Classic.*

by Jennifer Holloway  
Staff Writer

The Wartburg men's basketball team got its first taste of competition last weekend when it hosted the Buzz Levick Tip-Off Tournament in Knights gymnasium.

The Knights lost their first game on Friday to St. Olaf 77-65 but came back strong Saturday to beat Southwestern (Kan.), 73-68.

Wartburg placed third in the tournament behind NW Minnesota and St. Olaf, who earned first and second places respectively. Southwestern finished in fourth place.

According to Knights head coach Dick Peth, the team progressed a lot between Friday's and Saturday's games, but they would like to have won both games.

He said it's too early to determine what the season will be like this year, but the team goal is to win conference.

"We need to work on teamwork and work together to get to a common ground," said Peth.

"We did okay for our first game on Friday," said freshman Steven Schuster. "Saturday we came back and looked a lot better. Everybody relaxed and felt a lot more in sync with each other. [Coach Peth] is great ... He's a teaching coach. He explains why we need to do things. He's a

defense coach. He stresses the little things—the basics."

Rich Kloster was the Knight who shined brightest in the tournament. He was selected to the All-Tournament team, a special team of five players chosen from the four competing teams because of their ability and attitude.

Kloster went 11 of 17 from the floor, scoring 24 points for the Knights and grabbing eight rebounds in Friday's game against the St. Olaf Oles.

In the first round of the tournament the Oles shot a blazing 54 percent from the floor, while the Knights only shot 45 percent.

Wartburg also committed 25 turnovers and shot a dismal one of 11 from the 3-point line.

According to junior BJ Supple, the Knights started off slowly on Friday and didn't get into the game until the second half.

"We need to work on our defense and play better as a team," said Supple.

In Saturday's game against Southwestern, Kloster again led the Knights scoring 16 points and snagging seven rebounds.

Wartburg's David Nielsen was another big contributor with 14 points and seven rebounds. Sophomore Matt Wheeler was a perfect five for five from the floor, scoring 10 points for the Knights.

Wartburg had a big first half, holding Southwestern to 33 percent shooting from the floor.

The Knights went into the half leading 40-24. Wartburg took a little pressure off Southwestern in the second half, getting outscored 44-35.

The Knights distributed the ball very well, having three players score in double figures and 19 assists for the game. The Knights reduced their turnovers to 19.

"It was a good experience for everyone

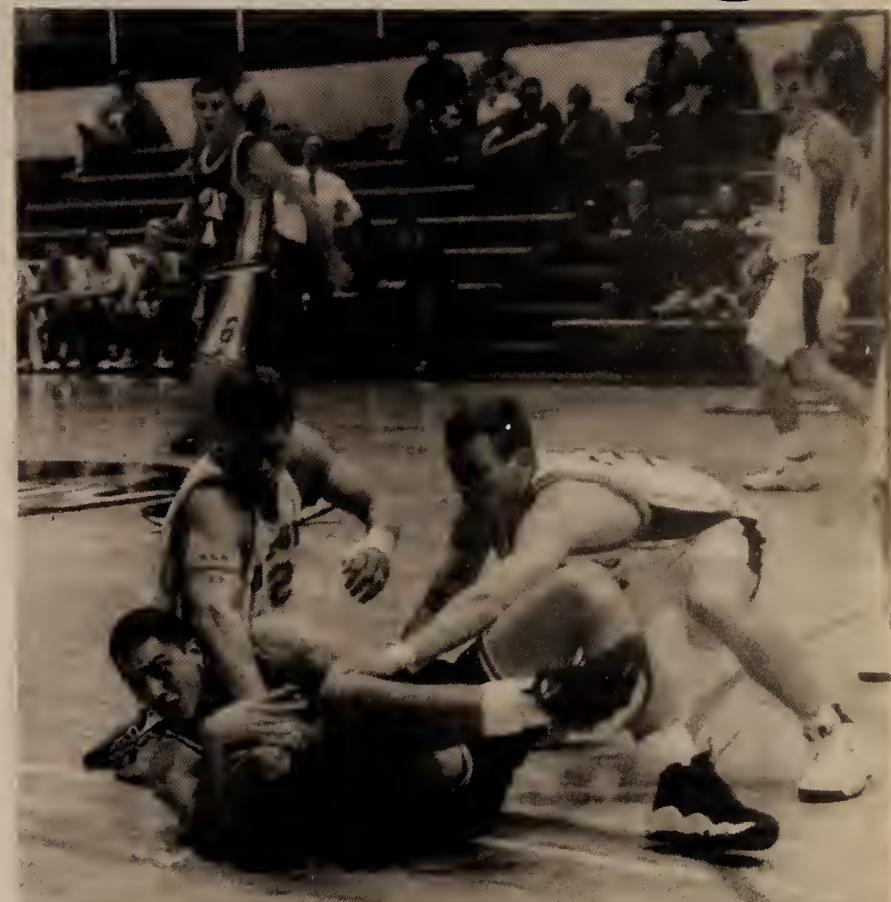


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**GIVE ME THAT BALL**—Wartburg's David Nielsen and Ryan Schultz scrap for the basketball Friday night against St. Olaf. The Knights lost to the Oles, 77-65. Wartburg bounced back Saturday night to beat Southwestern, 75-68, to take third place in the tournament.

to be in a game situation," said freshman Patrick Morrison. "We could have played better, but that's to be expected this early in the season. [Coach Peth] is a good coach, I like him. He doesn't yell all of the time. He's not too soft. He just gets his point across somehow. He's doing wonders here at Wartburg."

"[The season] is going great ... we're still not clicking as a team yet," said Morrison. "We don't quite have full unity yet, but it'll come. Hopefully after Thanksgiving we'll be clicking."

The Knights will get the chance to "click" at their next game on Saturday at home against Mt. St. Claire.

## Soccer team deserves respect from college

by Sigbjorn Linga  
Staff Writer

Despite a successful season, the men's soccer team questions campus support.

One of the three captains of the men's soccer team, junior Tim Lauer, said soccer's general position as a minor sport in the United States still affects the decisions of the athletic department.

"There's a shift where they have to realize that soccer's growing. They will have to give us priority," he said.

This season was Lauer's third in the Wartburg uniform, and he said there have been significant changes. New uniforms, new balls and a trainer at every practice are good indications that something is happening, he said.

"Right now this school doesn't show very much interest, but it's moving in a positive direction," he said.

First-year assistant coach Yannis Brownell, who has played for Wartburg for four years, emphasized the importance of the team getting a full-time coach, like most of the other successful sports have.

He said it means a lot to have a representative who can give the team publicity. "If there was a full-time soccer coach on campus, he and the team would be recognized," he said.

Furthermore, Brownell said, "I don't understand why we're the only school in conference that doesn't have a full-time coach. I don't see a very honest effort coming from the administration on the part of getting us one."

He said he believes many of the disciplinary problems of the season could have been taken care of had there been a full-time coach on campus.

Lauer said he had a feeling that the team was obligated to represent Wartburg without getting the appropriate

support back from the college.

He said, "That is a part of playing: representing your school. If your school won't even represent you, then what's your point?"

Norwegian junior Knut Elvatur said he was very disappointed with the attention from school media.

"We broke a lot of school records and we don't get any space in media at all," he said.

Lauer agreed, "We win five games in a row and I don't think we got hardly anything in the paper. Wartburg football loses the Homecoming game, and they get half a page on the loss and 15 minutes on the TV show. Talk of priority."

Brownell criticized the *Trumpet* for going after outside entertainment instead of concentrating on what happens on campus.

"Their responsibility and obligation is to cover college athletics, not Waverly athletics," he said.

(Editor's note: The *Trumpet* covers only Wartburg sports. This might be confused with Channel 13 which covers Waverly sports.)

Lauer said he thought some of the reason for the lack of exposure is that Americans in general prefer action-packed events to soccer games.

Winning 10 games and ending fourth in the conference tournament, the team has proved its skills and its desire to win, Lauer said. Trying to name the causes of the success, he mentioned skilled individuals, a new and professional coaching staff and a system that worked much better than he had expected.

"We were able to utilize everyone's skills. Everyone had their job. We didn't have to rely on one person," he said. The difference from previous years was that the team was able to replace key players, and everybody was famil-

iar with the roles in the team, he explained.

"We just got used to playing with each other," he said.

Lauer said he learned a lot this year. "I'm always learning, whether it be from the players around me, coaches or other teams," he said.

He said he had been somewhat skeptical about the new system when it was introduced, but as it turned out to be successful, he realized it taught all the players something new about soccer.

"We never trashed the system; we just modified it," he said. "Everyone learned a little bit more and was a little bit more skillful but also learned the concept of team." The players knew they could rely on everyone, he added.

Brownell said his transition from player to assistant coach was difficult for him as well as for the players because his new position required him to gain recognition as an authority instead of a fellow teammate. Head coach Rob Larson and assistant coach Joseph Mintah taught him a lot, he said, and he managed to establish respect after one quarter of the season had passed.

Both the players and Brownell are positive about the future of soccer at Wartburg.

"If we get the people to return next year and even pick up two or three recruits, we'll be one of the top teams in conference," Lauer said. It is a big advantage that the players know each other when the season starts, he added.

In the course of Lauer's first two college years he won six games. This year he won 10 in one season, and he said the numbers should be enough to demonstrate the excitement of the team. "I want to come back more and more now that I know we can win," he said.

Brownell said the future of the team is in the hands of the athletic department. The decision about a full-time coach or part-time coach will be decisive, he said.